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CALLS CHARGE LIE U.S. CHIEF INTEREST IN WAR IS PROFITS Quakers Tell House Military Hennen Jennings Makes Pro-

E. A. Filene Denounces "Slander" to Chamber of Commerce of United States.

BUSINESS WOULD FAVOR EMBARGO TO BRING PEACE

In Ringing Address, Bostonian Stirs Biggest Business Men of Country to Enthusiasm and Approval.

Discusses International High Commission and Its Coming Meeting in Buenos Aires-Addresses Made by Others.

In a ringing speech which stirred many of the biggest busienthusiasm and approval, Edward A. Filene of Boston today declared to the convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the New Wilbusiness men in the European war is the chance it gives them increased dividends" is a lie.

Mr. Filene, who is a member of the executive committee of the International Congress of Chamters of Congress, said that the reon "Economic Results of the War and American Business" has "effectively given the lie to this base slander."

dicates that American business men, if they could feel that thereby they were doing their share in keeping the peace of the world, statement of the views of military exwould be willing to help punish the violators of international agreements by putting an embargo upon all goods as well as munitions of war.

Reports This Afternoon.

Mr Filene was one of the principal speakers at the convention today in a program arranged for the reception both of addresses and reports of com mittees. The latter were delivered as the afternoon session, which began at 2 o'clock, and this evening there is to be an illustrated lecture on a remarkshle new highway in the Oregon country, followed by a "smoker," at which the delegates to the convention will be the guests of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

ommerce. Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese min elation between China and the United relation between China and the United States, announcing that "the burden and responsibility of supplying the markets of the far east has been thrown to a very large extent upon the shoulders of American merchants and manufacturers" since the outbreak of the war in Europe.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, spoke of the work of the international high commission, which was organized in Washington last May, during the pan-American

mission, which was organized in Washington last May, during the pan-American financial conference, furnishing
"a confident look into the future" concerning the coming meeting in Buenos
Aires of the commission. Of pan-American relations in connection with what
the commission hopes to do when it
meets in the Argentine capital Senator Fletcher said:

or Fletcher said:
"We seek to make possible the esablishment of intimate economic incrests that will make us not merely commercially and industrially necessary to each other but in a vital and verying seems conscious members."

Report on National Budget.

R. G. Rhett, chairman of the executive committee of the national cham-

and consistent advocate of the necessity of a national budget to care for national expenditures.

"It is not easy," Mr. Rhett said, "to hange procedure established by long usage, and in this lies one of the principle obstacles."

He said, however, that the problem is engaging the attention of many strong men in Congress and in time a solution will be found. Mr. Rhett submitted a tabulation prepared by Hartey S. Chase of Boston, a member of the budget committee, which exhibited what are now called "the estimates" of expenditures of the national government for three years in forms classified functionally, which, he said, offered opportunities for comparisons with the expenditures for the last fiscal year. The report consisted principally of the tabulation exhibit, Mr. cal year. The report consisted prin-cipally of the tabulation exhibit, Mr. Rhett confining himself to a brief oral

statement.

Harry A. Wheeler, former president of the national chamber and now chairman of the federal trade committee of the organization, presented the report of that committee; Frank Trumbull presented the eport of the committee on immigration, Frederick A. Geier presented the report of the committee on ducation, Charles H. Sherrill presented the report of the committee on foreign relations and A. W. Douglas presented the report of the committee on statistics and standards.

Address of Senator Fletcher. in his address Senator Fletcher said, in

"We have suggested that the com-(Continued on Eleventh Page.)

OPPONENTS OF WAR WOULD ENLARGE **ARE GIVEN HEARING**

Committee "Preparedness" Is Morally Wrong.

WANT AMERICA TO LEAD **WORLD PEACE MOVEMENT**

Urge That Nation at Least Wait a While Before Adding to Armament.

The House military committee began executive session today to of 14th street would not be as ecodraft the army bill after hearing a SENATOR FLETCHER SPEAKER delegation from the Society of Friends, headed by William S. Hull of Swarthmore College, which told the committee that vice president of the American Federawar and preparation for war were washington Federation of Arts and a morally wrong, in their view, and urged that international disagreements be settled by judicial means, the United States leading ness men of the country to high in a world movement to that end. Mr. Hull said the society felt the ternational peace court could be re-

Would Stand Still Awhile.

President Joseph Swain of Swarthlard Hotel that the charge that as a peace-at-any-price man and fathe chief interest of American vored, keeping armaments as they are for the present.

"to coin the agony of Europe into policy which he thought at variance with American ideals. At least, he said, the lessons of the European war should be studled at its conclusion be-

Says Country Is Puzzled.

Miss Lillian D. Wald of New York cent referendum of the Chamber of tee of the Woman's Peace Party, urged Commerce of the United States that Congress make no increase in the military budget this year. The country was puzzled, she said, by a sudden demand for increases in the army and navy and did not know what enemy it was proposed to prepare against.

"The referendum," he said, "increases that American business are some prices we should not pay for peace." he said, "but we should pay nothing for war." military budget this year. The coun-

Mr. Fisher charged that the con mittee was not being given a fair

threatened with amendment in the House. He indicated as much today to the two Philippine commissioners. The President was told by the com-

missioners that they approve the bill as passed by the Senate, with the exception of the clause providing that the President may refer the question of independence back to Congress if he thought them unfit for independence at the end of four years. They said they wanted a time set when the Philippines would be free.

The President told the commissioners he had not made up his mind whether

one organic world fact—the union of PLAN FOR INQUIRY INTO COST OF LIVING HERE

An inquiry into the cost of living in ber, presented the report of the budget the District of Columbia, with the underommittee of the organization. The standing that a minimum wage law will national chamber has been a persistent be proposed eventually, will be taken up and consistent advocate of the neces- by the subcommittee on judiciary of the

ROON REPORTED TAKEN.

Alleged Captor of the Appam Said to Have Been Captured.

NEW YORK, February 9.—Advices eceived here today assert that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, has been captured by the British battleship Drake after a three-hour fight 200 miles east northeast of Bermuda, according to a story printed by the New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said by the Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

CAPITOL PLANT

posal Regarding Power for U. S. Buildings.

MORE ECONOMICAL THAN PRESENT PLANS, HE SAYS

Writes to Senator Williams and Urges That All Work at Foot of 14th Street Be Stopped.

That the proposed central power and Hennen Jennings, consulting engineer, mittee on the library. Mr. Jennings is tion of Arts, vice president of the

member of the committee of one hundred on the future development of Washington.

His letter to Senator Williams is in the nature of a supplement to testimony which he gave before the committee on the library of the Senate last Thursday. It states in part as follows:

"I maintain that on broad general

Great Cost in Equipment.

tained three separate sets of spare capacity is greatly in excess of the em. Representative Kahn said the mmittee had power to cail any officer of it.

"Fifth. The great and fundamental dif"Fifth. The great and fundamental dif"Fifth. The great and fundamental dif-

TO DISCUSS THE TERMS

OF PHILIPPINE MEASURE

The president Wilson Likely to Call

Leaders of House and Senate Into Conference.

President Wilson probably will call

Senate and House leaders together soon to agree on the exact terms of the Philippine independence onl, which all ready has passed the Senate and is threatened with amendment in the House. He indicated as a solution of the captol power plant would make another speaking trip.

Lincoln is the home of former Secretary Bryan, the administration's leading opponent in the preparedness program.

A committee headed by E. L. Worsham of Atlanta, president of the Captol power plant, the new plant is to be installed on the lines of the Captol power plant, an addition of thirty-four men to the staff of the Captol power plant, an addition of thirty-four men to the staff of the Captol power plant, an addition of thirty-four men to the staff of the Captol power plant would furnish the necessary operating force, and would show a net saving of the services of thirty-six men. On these lines of thought the necessary operating force, and would show a net saving of the services of thirty-six men. On these lines of thought the necessary operating force, and would furnish the necessary operating force, and would show a net saving of the services of thirty-six men. On these lines of thought the necessary operating force, and would make another speaking trip.

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Invitations From the South.

Senator Hoke Smith and a large defection of the speaking trip.

tions to your committee:

"First, that all work on the present ragua, Mall power plant be suspended. "Second, that permission be obtained from the different authorities neces-

sary to put a central power station at the present Capitol power plant by enthe present capicol power plant by en-larging it so that it will have capacity to deal with all government public buildings, should it be found, by ex-pert advice, that at this point the most economical and least objectionable plant could be installed. "Third, that a new set of engineers, in no way committed to the present

in no way committed to the present plan, be employed to make a prelimi-nary survey and estimate of the whole problem, bearing in mind the harmo-nious carrying out of the plans of the

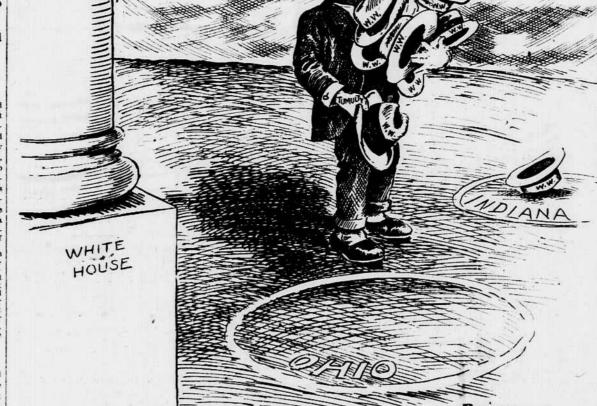
AFRAID OF STEAM MAIN.

Commissioners Investigating Report That It May Be Dangerous.

It developed today that the District Commissioners have written to the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain what will be the extent of the pressure in the big main that is to carry steam to the government buildings from the proposed central plant. Statements made to the Commissioners to the effect that the pressure will be excessive and constitute a source of danger to traffic in the event of an explosion are to be investigated before approval is given for the laying of the main in the streets. If the District heads should consider

If the District heads should consider the arrangement an experiment that might prove disastrous they will disapprove the application for the laying of the main, in which event the Treasury Department, before it could proceed with the installation of the distributing system, would have to obtain the necessary authority therefor from Congress.

British Steamer Argo Is Sunk. LONDON, February 9.—The British eamer Argo has been sunk. One member of the crew was lost. The Argo, formerly the Moorhen, was a vessel of 1,720 tons, and was owned by the Bristol Steam Navigation Company.



WAITING FOR THE SIGNAL

PRESIDENT INVITED TO BRYAN'S TOWN

Lincoln. Neb., Wants to Hear Him Discuss Question of Preparedness.

would make another speaking trip." Lincoln is the home of former Secre

gation from Atlanta asked the Presi- notices. lows of only two items which amount to nearly \$50,000 a year, and there are doubtless others of similar magnitude:

"Saving in cost of coal for service of the government printing office, \$12,000 per year.

"Saving in pay rolis, \$34,000 per year.

"Total, \$46,000 per year.

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Makes These Recommendations.
"I therefore confidently feel justified n making the following recommendations to your committee:

state. Senators Thomas and Shafroth of Colorado called on the President and Introduced B. L. Jefferson of Colorado. United States minister to Nicaragua. Mr. Jefferson told the President something of affairs in Nicaragua.

Backed by Sons of Revolution. The Sons of the Revolution have joined other organizations in commending

JANUARY CIRCULATION

District of Columbia, 88.
FLEMING NEWROLD, business manager of THE EVENING and SUNDAY STAR, does solemaly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named sold and distributed during the month of January, A.D. 1916, was as follows:

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Average number of copies for service, exchanges, adver-tisers, etc. verage Sunday net circula-

FLEMING NEWBOLD,

reparedness, and today sent a delegation to him to inform him that the or-ganization is unitedly for adequate measures of defense. The committee consisted of James M. Montgomery of New York, general president; Richard M. Cadwalader of Philadelphia, general vice president; Prof. William Libbey of Princeton, general secretary, and

GUARD IN SHOP DISTRICT ANTICIPATING STRIKE

Disorder When Needle Workers Orit

ittle or no disorder was anticipated in is due largely to Washington's army o onnection with a strike, effective at 2 government clerks reporting for and leav o'clock this afternoon, of needle work- ing work at the same hours, the rather ers sald to number 40,000, plans were simple expedient is proposed of estaboutlined at a conference at police lishing different hours for the reporting headquarters this morning for effective of clerks at the various government buildmethods of patrolling the shop districts. The workers received formal otice from their leaders through circulars distributed while they were on heir way to work. Three girls were arrested, charged with acting in a disorderly manner while handing out these

Demands of the Workers.

The demands include better wages circulars urged the employes to walk the facilities of the traction companies.

Twenty thousand of those who, the leaders claimed, would walk out are employed by the Ladies' Waist and Dressmakers' Union, whose demands were virtually settled by an arbitration board Monday. These, it is said, plan to return as soon as adjustment of their differences has been completed. The other 20,000 makers of waists and dresses are employed in independent shops.

HAITIAN PACT ORDERED FAVORABLY REPORTED

The Senate committee on foreign re-2,034,114 Senate, with recommendation for rati9,334 fleation, the Haitian treaty providing an arrangement of this character. fication, the Haitian treaty, providing for a financial protectorate over the re public by the United States. There was no dissenting vote. Eleven senators were present.

Provisions of the Treaty. The proposed treaty provides chiefly

he following: he following:

American supervision of finances and lumbus (Ohio) barracks since Decemthe collection of customs of Haiti. American supervision of the payment fice yesterday and surrendered, declarof the public debt, inquiry into validity ing he had been "absent without leave" of existing debts and regulaton of the from his post.

cribed and sworn to before me this ninth February, A.D. 1916. CORNELIUS ECKHARDT, Notary Public,

Novel Suggestion for Relieving Congestion on Washington Street Cars.

o speak in Lincoln, Neb., on prepared- New York Police Patrol to Prevent of street car traffic during morning and taken measures singularly to strengthen may be taken up for consideration by the

NEW YORK, February 9 .- While Based on the fact that the congestion

An Example Cited. For example, if work should begin in

one group of buildings at 8:45 a.m., ir another at 9 o'clock and a third at 9:15 o'clock, this would give the railway companies a half hour in which to transport the several thousand clerks who now endeavor to report for work at practically and improved working conditions. The the same time, thereby taxing to the limit

circulars urged the employes to walk out quietly at the appointed hour and march to the assembly quarters.

Shops throughout the Metropolitan district, including New Jersey, are affected by he strike order issued by the international Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

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The facilities of the traction companies.

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If such a plan were adopted, the government buildings would been clock, so that the companies would have a half hour for handling the afternoon and continue until a quarter of 5 o'clock, so that the companies would have a half hour for handling the afternoon rush traffic which now pours in upon them in volume and with almost paralyzing effect.

Engineer Commissioner Kutz is impressed with the fact that the suggestion carries possibilities. Whether or not the plan would be opposed by government clerks is not known, but it is believed that any plan which would tend to facilitate the handling of traffic by the street railway companies would be welcomed generally.

Difference in Conditions.

Street railway conditions in Washington differ from those in other cities ber of passengers she carried and the because of the fact that several thou- nature of her cargo are unknown to sand persons employed by the government endeavor to report for work at the same hour. So far it has been impossible to devise a method which would relieve the congestion of traffic Treaty Provides for United States

Financial Protectorate Over

Island Republic.

Would relieve the congestion of traffic around 9 o'clock in the morning and 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

According to local officials it would be necessary to obtain a law to change the hour for reporting in the government departments. This is an administrative detail which could be worked out by, the heads of the departments if the utilities commission decides that the traction situation can be materially improved by having government y improved by having government elerks report at different hours it will

MISSING OFFICER APPEARS.

Lieut. McCleery Absent Without Leave Since December.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 9,man who said he was Lieut. J. S. Mcber last, walked into a recruiting of-

of existing debts and regulaton of the contracting of future debts.

Control of the Police.

For policing of the republic by a constabulary, at first by American officers.

For intervention by the United States to preserve order and for guaranteeing the territorial integrity and independence of Halti and for development of Haltian resources under American auspices.

In the declared he could remember nothing about leaving Columbus. Since December the lieutenant said he had spent most of his time in Chicago and Kansas City, stopping at the best hotels. He denied he was a deserter. The War Department was informed today of the surrender of Lieut. Mc-today of the surrender o

DEFEATED IN PERSIA | CONTROL OF BRIDGE

Tribesmen Under Haidar Bey Acting Secretary Breckinridge Attack and Rout Enemy Near Sandshulak.

BRITISH VOICE ANXIETY OVER THEIR ARMY AT KUT

Gen. Townshend Isolated Sixty-Three Days and Difficulties Are Confronted by Relief Force.

BERLIN, February 9, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- Constantinople reports iven out today by the Overseas News Agency state that Russian forces in Persia have met with a severe defeat at the hands of Persian tribesmen, an hat they retreated in disorder The Persian forces, according to these

dvices, were under command of Hai dar Bey. They attacked the Russian near Sandshulak, which was reconquered by the natives.

Turkish Official Report.

In describing recent fighting in the aucasus the Turkish official statemen

the enemy renewed attacks in several sectors against our positions and outposts, but without result. In the cen-ter our advanced detachments counter attacked, killing more than 300 and madequate for the traine using a capturing 40 Russians, including two and also is deemed unsafe, and

Advices were received from Constan-Advices were received from Constantinople today that another group of British prisoners captured by the Turks in the fighting at Essin, on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, has been taken to Musu, in Assyria, 220 miles northwest of Bagdad. It is said the convoy consisted of 249 men out of a great number captured.

British on Anxious Seat.

LONDON, February 9.-The Britis newspapers continue to express some anxiety for the British army at Kut-el Amara. Today is the sixty-third day since Gen. Townshend's force was iso-

Apparently the commander recently as been virtually unmolested, but his losition, with the hospitals full of younded, in the resourceless little

hasize the great natural difficulties in he way of the advance of the relief nature of the Turkish defenses, which have been skillfully constructed under

ANXIETY FOR STEAMER IS RELIEVED IN PAR

Big British Liner Orissa at the Cape Verde Islands Janu-

information that the Orissa had and unnecessary to create.' touched at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, January 24.

The last previous record of the movements of the ship reported her sailing from Antofagasta, Chile, Christmas day, and Montevideo January 10. Although the Orissa under ordinary conditions should have arrived at Liverdepartment. day, and Montevideo January 10. Alpool, her destination, by this time, the fact that she was still safe January 24 caused less apprehension.

Cargo Is Not Known.

The Orissa is a British vessel of 5,358 tons gross, owned by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. The numunderwriters here.

It was the Orissa which took into It was the Orissa which took into Buenos Aires, December 17, 1914, details of the naval battle off the Falkland Islands, in which Admiral von Spee's squadron of German cruisers was destroyed by a British fleet. It was announced last June that the commander of the Orissa had introduced an innovation during the trip from Valparaiso to Liverpool, in which "submarine drills" were conducted at frequent intervals. All the passengers, without previous warning, were summoned to put on life belts and take their places in the boats.

Insurance Brokers Alarmed.

International insurance brokers in this city received information yesterday which led them to believe that a large passenger steamer had been lost in the north Atlantic. Guarded cable messages received from London intimated that she had been sunk by a

mated that she had been sunk by a German commerce raider.

The majority of the brokers were inclined to identify the missing ship as the Orissa.

Insurance rates on cargo and in ships flying flags of the belligerent nations from this country to the United Kingdom or around the Cape of Good Hope have advanced in the past few days from 100 to 200 per cent.

Mine Explosion Kills Seven.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., February 9.— Seven workmen were killed and two injured by a gas explosion in the Rose vein of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre on a Company at Plymouth late yesireday. The cause of the explosion has
not been definitely determined, but the
gas is believed to have been ignited
by the naked lamp of one of the miners.

RUSSIANS SEVERELY ARMY WOULD KEEP

Opposes Transfer to D. C. Commissioners.

WOULD AWAIT BUILDING OF NEW STRUCTURE

Says Highway Bridge Is on Government-Controlled Property and Should Remain So.

Acting Secretary Breckinridge the War Department has informed Representative Johnson, chairman of the House committee on the District of Columbia, that the War Department is opposed. under existing conditions, to the transier of control over the Aqueduct and Highway bridges to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as proposed in a bill before Congress.

In his letter Acting Secretary Breckinridge says that the present Aqueduct bridge has become inadequate for the traffic using it that the Secretary of War has reported to Congress that a new bridge can be built at or near the present site for \$1,500,000, the sum named in the Carlin bill, at the same time suggesting that the expense be equitably apportioned between the United States and the District of Columbia.

Would Await New Bridge. While admitting that the existing

with reference to the highway bridge, which was built by the United States at a cost of upward of \$1,000,000, Acting Secretary Breckinridge says that the Washington approach russ through Potomac Park—a federal reservation—and connects with the Virginia approach, also on governmentowned land, thus connecting two federal reservations.

not seen what benefit would be derived

by the change of jurisdiction proposed for the Highway bridge, Supervision Properly Maintained.

"Under the present federal supervision the bridge is properly maintained, the public property and the public in its use of the structure are adequately protected, and traffic, including the movement of the street railway cars, ary 24.

NEW YORK, February 3.—Anxiety in shipping and marine insurance circles inspired by reports that a large British passenger ship, thought to be the Orissa, had fallen victim to a German commerce raider, was in a measure relieved today by the receipt of information that the Orissa had and unnecessary to create."

movement of the street railway cars, is properly regulated. No difficulty had arisen over the electric car line that was not easily settled or which could be a valid reason for change of jurisdiction. Were the bridge and its approach would be policed by the metropolitan force, while the park through which it runs would be under the supervision of the United States park police. This might lead to questions of jurisdiction, which now are avoided, and unnecessary to create."

Trenches Healthier Than Barracks. PARIS February 9 .-- Life in the trenches is healthier for the French soldiers now than in barracks during

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at noon. Clifford Thorne of Iowa attacked attitude of Louis D. Brandels in the 5 per cent rate case before judiciary subcommittee consider-ing his nomination to the Su-preme Court of the United States Foreign relations committee ecommended ratification of Haitian treaty.

Secretary Daniels, before public lands committee, opposed opening western oil lands to public.

Met at noon.

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Hearings on the national defense continued by nullitary and naval affairs committees.

Witnesses in the impeachment proceedings against United States Attorney Marshall of New York heard in executive session by the subcommittee of the judiciary committee.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS. Senate:

A bili permitting the consolida-tion of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Com-pany was introduced by Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania. House: Representative Crosser intro-duced a resolution calling for a congressional investigation into the central heating power plant matter.

The Morrison bill, rearranging the grades of assistant exam-iners in the natent office, was passed by the House.

Arrangements were made for a hearing before the Vinson subcommittee of the District committee on the Keating resolution to investigate the cost of living in the District of Columbia.

ONE CENT.